REMARKS

Applicant has studied the Final Office Action of October 18, 2005 and the Advisory Action of December 28, 2005 and offers the following remarks to accompany the above amendments.

Applicant herein amends claims 18, 27, and 32 into independent form. Applicant cancels claim 17 and 31. Applicant further amends claims 24-26 to depend from claim 18.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 18-23, 27-30 and 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As noted, Applicant herein rewrites claims 18, 27 and 32 in independent form, so claims 18-23, 27-30 and 32 should now be in condition for allowance. Applicant has amended claims 24-26 to depend from allowable claim 18 so claims 24-26 should also be in condition for allowance. As claims 8-16 were previously noted as being allowable and the only rejected claims have been canceled or amended to depend from allowable claims, all the claims should be in condition for allowance.

Applicant earnestly solicits the Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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